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PRESIDENT HEINEMAN PRESIDING

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the forty-third day of the Ninety-Eighth Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain for today is from Senator Mines' district, Pastor Charles Larsen of the Country Bible Church in Blair. Please rise.

PASTOR LARSEN: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Pastor Larsen. I call the forty-third day of the Ninety-Eighth Legislature, First Session, to order. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, a gubernatorial appointment to the Investment Council will be referred to Reference Committee. Senator Johnson has selected LB 139 as his priority bill. Senator Hudkins, a new A bill, LB 439A. (Read by title for the first time.) That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 837-838.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We'll now proceed to the first item on the agenda.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 165A, a bill by Senator Schrock. (Read title.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Chair would recognize Senator Schrock to open on LB 165A.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, this A bill would appropriate \$10,000 each year